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Dear Friends

A wounded, risen Saviour

An early Spring means that it looks very much like Easter already. From my study I can see daffodils in full bloom all over Acton churchyard. Yet falling as it does on 21 April, Easter Day is late this year (it can be as late as 25 April or as early as 22 March). That means that much of the April Magazine falls in the period of Lent known as Passiontide. That



gives us opportunity to think not just about the triumph of Easter, but also the suffering of Jesus' passion during Holy Week; his journey to Jerusalem; his triumphal entry into the city; the days leading up to his crucifixion.

It is tempting in our culture to skip over the events of Holy Week. It is challenging, even painful to walk closely with Jesus during those days. It is much easier to look forward to the joy and celebration of Easter Day and not to worry about the challenge of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, especially as they inconveniently fall in the working week.

As a society, we do not like to consider suffering and pain. Thankfully the wonders of modern medicine mean that physical pain is more easily controlled for many people, although medicine finds mental and emotional pain more difficult to relieve. Death is frequently seen as defeat.

Passiontide and Easter challenge those attitudes. If we can walk through the events of Holy Week with Jesus, before we arrive at the joy and celebration of Easter, we will discover a depth to our Easter celebrations which is missed when Passiontide is avoided.

Without the suffering of Jesus in Holy Week, Easter Day becomes a brief, happy occasion. When we walk with Jesus through Holy Week, we can discover with 'Doubting Thomas' that the risen Jesus still bears the wounds of his suffering. When we discover that, Easter can be transformed.

When we see the wounds in the hands, feet and side of the risen Jesus, we can discover that our Easter celebrations are no fleeting, moment of happiness. They are occasions of deep joy. Joy which is deep enough to encompass not only our happiness, but our own suffering and painful life experiences.

As we celebrate Easter, we celebrate with joy the presence of our risen Saviour. But if it is to be a truly joyful celebration, we must first walk through Holy Week.

Yours in the joy of our risen wounded Saviour,

Revd Anne

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Happy Easter To you all



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St David's Church Wettenhall

Visit: www.wettenhallchurch.org.uk

Sidespersons

7th April Mr N Moss

14th April Brownies & Guides

21st April Mrs M Sherry

28th April Informal

5th May Mr G Tucker

Cleaning & Flowers

7th / 14th Mrs A Howard &

April Family

 21^{st} / 28^{th} Mrs E Carr & April Mrs A Nicholas

5th / 12th Mrs H Moss

May

No Flowers during Lent

Palm Sunday

On April 14th at 11am we will welcome Holly the donkey as we remember the first Palm Sunday when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. We are grateful to Phil & Sharon as they prepare Holly for her big day out and to Alan Williams for transporting her to Worleston and to Wettenhall. Please do join us - carrots will be provided!

Maundy Thursday

On 18th April at 6.30pm there will be a United Service and Supper at St David's to commemorate the Last Supper. Grants Butchers are providing a carvery (suggested, but not obligatory, donations of $\mathfrak{L}8$). Please sign up at the back of one of the four churches if you would like to reserve your supper or vegetarian option.

From the Registers

Burial of Ashes John Hamblin 12th February 2019

Burial

Malcolm Goff 15th February 2019 Funeral Service followed by burial. We extend our deepest sympathy to Margaret, Christopher and all their family & friends.

Condolences

To the family and friends of Claire Gough (nee Rutter).

Claire grew up at Holme Farm, Wettenhall and died suddenly on 12th

February 2019.

Her funeral service followed by burial, took place at St. Peter's Church, Minshull Vernon on 28th February. Deepest sympathy to her husband Mark and their daughter's Hannah & Harriet.

PCC Meeting

The Annual Church Meeting & PCC will be held on Monday 1st April at 7:30pm in church.

Looking Forward

On the 5th May at 11am Bishop Peter will be joining us for a Confirmation Service. Currently there are three young people taking part in Confirmation preparation. We hold Thomas & Eleanor Platt and Sophie Bowes in our prayers as they consider taking the next step on their journey of faith.

St David's Patronal Festival

It was lovely to welcome our friends from the Cross Country Parishes to join us in celebrating our Patron Saint. The church looked beautiful, as the windows of daffodils reminded us that Spring is on the way! As we remembered St. David's words to 'Do the little things', two of our young people volunteered to help out in the community as they work towards achieving their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. We look forward to supporting Phillippa Moss & Izzy Gray in this project. The Brownies, Poppy & Georgina told us about all the fun things they did for Holland's Thinking Day. Following the service we enjoyed a veritable feast of wine, savouries & sweets. Many thanks to all who helped to make

this such a special occasion with colourful decorations,

delicious food and sharing in our worship.



Darnhall Brownies

Congratulations to young leader Megan Curbishley who has received an unconditional offer at St. John's, York University and will be studying International Business Management. Well Done Megan!

Darnhall Brownies have had an exciting time over the past few weeks. Evenings have been spent creating posies of tulips and making windmills to fit with their theme of Thinking Day in Holland. They sang Dutch songs & tasted Edam cheese. To mark the start of Lent, they enjoyed making (and eating!) lemon & sugar or nutella pancakes.

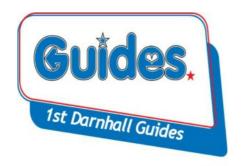














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When? - Wednesday
6.15pm-7.45pm
during term
time

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For more information contact Ann:

01270 528311 / 0796633892

Happy Birthday This month to:

Aaron Peers Jodie Basford
Braden Tomlinson Henry Yarwood
James Major Megan Alexander

Are we missing anyone? See page 23 to let us know. For children up to 18, though we will make an announcement of special birthdays of any age.

Coffee & Cake

The next meetings are on *Thursday 11th April & 2nd May.Times are from 10am-12 noon & everyone is very welcome for as little or as long as they wish.

• Please Note the April Meeting is slightly later in the month than usual.

Darnhall & Wettenhall WI

A warm welcome was given to Angela & Carolyn Billington who gave a talk and slide show on Cotswold House, Winsford. This amazing place helps young people who have become homeless. It provides support and accommodation until they are able to cope on their own. The competition was won by Kay Reid and the raffle was won by Ann Crate & Ann Hignett. A vote of thanks was given by Joan Edwards.





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Sunday 5th May 2019

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The service starts at 11.00 am

and we will be joined by

The Rt Revd Dr Peter Forster Bishop of Chester
Refreshments will be available after the service

Please come along to support the young people taking the next step in their Christian faith.



What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is a special church service in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptized. If you were baptized at a christening when you were a child, your parents and godparents made these promises on your behalf. As a young person or adult, you may be ready to affirm these promises for yourself and commit your life to following Jesus Christ. At a confirmation service, you make these promises for yourself. Your friends and family as well as the local Christian community will be there to promise to support and pray for you.

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Worleston School News

A group of 10 friends including Alex Goodwin, parents at St. Oswald's CE Primary School and local Worleston residents are training to run the Chester Half Marathon in May 2019 to raise money for Heidi Spencer. Heidi is a parent governor at St. Oswald's and has two boys who attend the school. Devastatingly, she was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer of the lungs and brain and is receiving life extending treatment. Some of this, but not all, is on the NHS and she needs all our help and donations to keep fighting. The link and information is below and I would really appreciate it if you could share this in any way you can.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/helpheidifightchesterhalfmarathon

Some of our amazing school council from St. Oswald's CE Primary School



accompanied Mr Goodwin to Red Shift Radio on Friday 8th March. They were invited to speak on Emily Gearing's Self Help Radio Show and explain what St. Oswald's do to help children with their wellbeing, resilience and general health. They spoke live on air as part of the show and were great ambassadors for the school. They explained what the school does for children's rights as part of being a UNICEF Rights Respecting School. They also talked about some of the on-going curriculum sessions that take place in school to promote children's wellbeing such as: Heartsmart sessions, social skills interventions and resilience workshops.







This year, St. Oswald's CE Primary celebrated World Book Day in style. The children and staff came dressed up for the day in their favourite book character which was great fun. During morning worship, they interviewed various book characters and talked about what their favourite character was and why. Later in the day, the whole school stopped normal lessons and took part in 30 minutes of buddy reading where the older children paired up with the younger children to listen to them read and read to them. We raised over £80 on the day which is being put towards the PTA mile-a-day running track fundraising project.













Holy Week and Easter Services 2019

Palm Sunday Sunday 14th April 2019

9.30 am All age at Worleston with Holly the Donkey.

10.00 am Messy Church at Acton.

11.00 am Cafe Church at Church Minshull.

11.00 am All age at Wettenhall with Holly the Donkey.

Maundy Thursday 18th April 2019 6.30 pm United Service and Supper at Wettenhall.

United Service and Supper to commemorate the Last Supper. Grants Butchers are providing a carvery (suggested, but not obligatory, donations of £8). Please sign up at the back of one of the four churches if you would like to reserve your supper or vegetarian option.

Good Friday 19th April 2019

Follow the Cross, the cross will be travelling around the parishes stopping at the following places for a reading, hymn and prayer.

- 9.30 am Coffee at St Oswald's Worleston
- 10,00 am St Oswald's School Worleston
- 10.25 am The Green, Wettenhall
- 11.15 am Goodwill Hall, Faddiley
- 11.40 am Wilbraham Road / Wilbraham Close / St Mary's Court,
 Acton
- 12.15 pm The Badger, Church Minshull

Finishing with Lunch at The Badger

Why not make a small Good Friday 'sacrifice' to take 2 or 3 hours to make the name of Jesus known around our parishes and to spend some relaxed time with people from the other churches as we share a common activity. However a big a sacrifice 2 or 3 hours may seem in our busy schedules, it is a small sacrifice compared with the one Jesus made that first Good Friday.

2.00 pm Silent Meditation at St Bartholomew's, Church Minshull

Easter Sunday 21st April 2019

- 9.30 am Eucharist at Worleston.
- 11.00 am Eucharist at Acton.
- 11.00 am Eucharist at Church Minshull.
- 11.00 am Eucharist at Wettenhall.
 - 5.00 pm Evensong at Acton

Alleluia Christ is Risen!







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What to do if you've fallen victim:

Let your bank know as soon as possible and monitor your bank statements regularly for any unusual activity.

If you suspect your identity may have been stolen you can check your credit file quickly and easily online. Use a reputable service provider and follow up on any unexpected or suspicious results.

If you have been a victim of fraud or cyber crime, report it to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk, or by calling 0300 123 2040. This site is also worth a visit to see what other scams and fradulent activity you should be aware of.

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

The Church of England requires that every six years a new Electoral Roll is prepared. Even if you are on the current roll you must re-apply this year.

Membership ensures that you may stand for office, that is, become a member of the PCC or church warden.

The application date for this year has now passed ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS ST OSWALD'S WORLESTON

Monday 15th April in church at 7pm.

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ST DAVID'S WETTENHALL

Monday 1st April in church at 7:30pm



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Tuesday 9th April 2019
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RECIPE

Hot Cross Bun Bread & Butter Pudding

Serves 4

4 hot cross buns sliced in half
2 medium eggs
1/2 tsp vanilla extract
15g caster sugar
25g butter
300ml milk
150ml single cream
1tsp finely grated lemon zest



Method

Preheat oven to 180C/350F or Gas Mark 4. Grease 1 litre baking dish.

Whisk vanilla extract, sugar & eggs together

Gently heat the milk & cream in a pan until warm, then remove from heat & add egg mixture.

Stir until the sugar has dissolved.

Strain warm egg mixture over the buns in the baking dish & leave to soak for 20 mins.

Sprinkle over the lemon zest.

Bake in oven for 25-30mins until golden brown.

Enjoy!

St Oswald's Church Worleston

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Sidesmen

7th April Church Wardens

14th April Mrs A Fletton

21st April Mr & Mrs M

Alexander

28th April Mrs J Alexander &

Mrs D Darlington

5th May Service at

Wettenhall

Flower Rota

3rd Mar to No Flowers

14th Apr **During Lent**

21st April Mrs J Grocott

5th May Mrs P Stalker

Church Cleaning

April Mr & Mrs Kaufman

May Mrs P Stalker

Coffee Rota

7th April Marilyn Booth

14th April Anne Fletton

21st April Joan Grocott

28th April Kath Alexander

From The Registers

Baptism

Jack Alexander Faulkner, the infant son of Naomi and Matthew Faulkner was baptised on 24th February 2019. We welcome Jack into the Church family.

Burial

Gaetano Baccelliere was buried in St Oswalds Churchyard on 21st Feb, after a funeral service in Crewe.

John Munks

We were all very sorry to hear of John's death on February 12th. John, a Reader at St Mary's, Nantwich, was a great help to our parishes during the inter-regnum. We valued that willing contribution when we needed it and his friendship too. We send our condolences to his family and assure them of our prayers.

Charles Bailey

Sadly, our friend, Charles Bailey, died on March 17th. We remember Jo and the family in our prayers.



Coffee Morning

St Oswald's Worleston
Saturday April 6th from 10 am - 12 noon
Come along to enjoy a Coffee & Cake and a chat
From now on there will be Coffee & Cake on the first Saturday of each month.

Public Meeting

On 11th March 22 members of the community in St Oswald's parish came to discuss the future of St Oswald's church. The Vicar began by saying that she and the Parochial Church Council wanted to be honest about the challenges to be faced if the building is to continue to be used to serve the community.

She outlined the successful and strong links we have with the school, and the frequent use of the church for baptisms, weddings and funerals.

The building itself is in excellent condition due to a generous insurance settlement and careful investment of that money, after the serious fire 20 years ago.

Problems arise because the church is kept alive and well by a very small group of people who are not getting any younger, and so plans need to be made to ensure that St Oswald's can continue in its Christian mission to the community.

There were questions and discussion about fund raising, the number of weddings and the timing of services, how the parents of the school children might become more involved, how outside groups might use the building, and how those present might help in the day to day running of the church.

Everyone was invited to write down their ideas, suggestions and comments, and to talk to the Vicar, Wardens and PCC members. There have already been ideas which will need to be discussed and plans afoot to try new things, so many thanks to those who came and contributed to a very positive and worthwhile meeting.

Watch this space!

Church Wardens.

New Orchestra Serving the Shires

For one night the Treatment centre at Leighton hospital was transformed into a mini Royal Albert Hall when instrumentalists from the Shires Symphonic Wind Orchestra presented a concert to the public.

The two conductors were music director Andrew Bassey, a bassoonist and multi-instrumentalist who runs Worleston Music School, and president of SSWO, Dr Timothy Reynish, international wind band conductor and professor at the Royal Northern College of Music.

The wind orchestra began meeting at Leighton Hospital on the first of November 2018, and had already put together a stunning programme for its Inaugural Concert on 2nd March 2019. The audience was 'blown away' by a whirlwind of expressive, contrasting and varied music from the lyrical Loch Lomond, set beautifully by Frank Ticheli to Danny Elfman's exciting and fast-paced The Simpsons, punctuated with all kinds of humorous percussive effects.

The orchestra was joined by ex BBC Philharmonic orchestra violinist, Shirley Richards, who played beautifully in John Williams' moving Spielberg movie classic, Schindler's List. There was a touching tribute to the NHS given in a poem by Michael Rosen, "These are the Hands...". This was accompanied by a musical piece by Richard Norris, which was composed for the wind orchestra and was performed for the first time at the inaugural concert. Richard Norris introduced his composition, an arresting and poignant tribute to the NHS.

Adam Gorb, head of composition at the RNCM, also attended the concert and introduced two of his lighter works, the hilarious Eine Kleine Yiddishe Ragmusik and the fun and mysterious, yet rhythmically challenging Bermuda Triangle.

The concert was in support of the NHS charity, Mid Cheshire Hospitals Charity, and raised over £400 for the Dementia Appeal.

Worleston Brownies

You may be interested to know that we have a Brownie unit in Worleston which was established 4 years ago. During the past 4 years we have been privileged to see several local girls become Brownies and stay with us until they have graduated to either Girl guides or Scouts! We have enjoyed working with our Brownies and watching them grow, develop their confidence and self esteem and mature as confident delightful young women.

Our usual meeting place is Worleston Village Hall on Monday evenings from 6.45-7.45 pm during term time only. We also join in with other units for district girl guiding activities in addition to our regular Monday meeting and we sometimes meet away from the hall as part of our programmed activities or invite outside speakers to come and talk to us i.e local police re safety in the community. Currently our numbers are low because several of our Brownies have recently reached the leaving age and so we would be delighted if your daughter would be interested in joining us for a taster session. To be a Brownie with the $1^{\rm st}$ Worleston Brownies costs just £3.00 a week to cover the weekly village hall rent and activities that we do with the girls. If your daughter is interested in joining us please contact either of us as follows:

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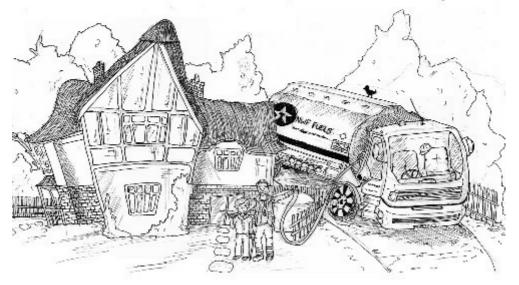
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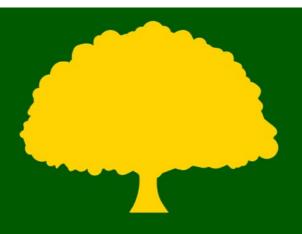
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Calveley School News

March has been a really busy month once again. We've had a lot of exciting events on at school and the children have enjoyed them all.

World Book Day was a huge success; children thoroughly enjoyed a day dressing up as their favourite book characters. As part of World Book Day and inspiring children in their writing, we have organised a Quidditch Day! This will be led by the official partner of Quidditch UK and the QPL (Quidditch Premier League), Enrich Education. I know children will be very excited about this and will be a great chance for children to try out a sport that they wouldn't ordinarily get the chance to. We are also entering the 'Let's Dance' competition at Crewe Lyceum where combined with pupils from Bridgemere CE Primary School, our children will represent their schools in front of a live theatre audience!

This month is also our Robinwood residential trip at Maes-Y-Nant. Children will take part in a wide range of activities such as archery, caving, rock climbing and canoeing. It is an amazing opportunity for children build their communication and teamwork skills as well.







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